

COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 26, 2013

The Compact met today and took the following 3 actions:

<i>Non-Indian Late Fall Commercial Salmon Fishery</i>		
Season:	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Wednesday October 2, 2013 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Thursday October 3, 2013 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday October 7, 2013 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Tuesday October 8, 2013 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Wednesday October 9, 2013 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Thursday October 10, 2013 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday October 14, 2013 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Tuesday October 15, 2013	(12 hours each)
Area:	Zones 1-3 (SMCRA 1A,1B, 1C). Upper deadline defined as a straight line projected from the Warrior Rock Lighthouse on the Oregon shore easterly through the green navigation Buoy #1 and continuing to the Washington shore	
Sanctuaries:	Elokomin-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A and Lewis-A	
Gear:	Drift nets only. Maximum mesh size is 3-3/4 inches. Unslackened, single-wall, multi-filament floater nets only. Monofilament nets are not allowed. Net length not to exceed 150 fathoms. A red cork must be placed on the corkline every 25 fathoms as measured from the first mesh of the net. Red corks at 25-fathom intervals must be in color contrast to the corks used in the remainder of the net. There are no restrictions on the hang ratio. The hang ratio is used to horizontally add slack to the net. The hang ratio is determined by the length of the web per length of the corkline. The use of slackers or stringers to slacken the net vertically is <u>prohibited</u> . Rip lines are allowed providing they do not vertically slacken the net	
Allowable Sales:	Adipose fin-clipped coho salmon; pink salmon and Chinook salmon. White sturgeon and chum salmon may not be possessed or sold.	
Regulations:	Regulations typically in place for mark-selective commercial fisheries are in effect, including but not limited to: net length, use of recovery boxes, limited soak times, red corks, tangle-net certification, etc. Soak times , defined as the time elapsed from when the first of the gill net web is deployed into the water until the gill net web is fully retrieved from the water, must not exceed <u>30 minutes</u> . Recovery Box : Each boat will be required to have on board two operable recovery boxes or one box with two chambers that meet the flow and size requirements standard for the winter/spring season. Each box and chamber and associated pump shall be operating during any time that the net is being retrieved or picked. All non-legal fish must be released immediately unharmed to the river or placed into an operating recovery box. All non-legal salmon and all steelhead that are bleeding, lethargic or appear lifeless must be placed in the recovery box prior to being released. All fish placed in recovery boxes must be released to the river prior to landing or docking. Live Capture workshop : Only licensed Columbia River commercial fishers that have completed the required state-sponsored workshop concerning live capture commercial fishing techniques may participate in this fishery. At least one fisher on each boat must have live capture certification.	

Regulations (continued):	Observer program: As a condition of fishing, owners or operators of commercial fishing vessels must cooperate with department observers or observers collecting data for the department, when notified by the observer of his or her intent to board the commercial vessel for observation and sampling during an open fishery.
Additional Rules:	<p>Multiple net rule in effect: Which means nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater.</p> <p>Lighted Buoys: Nets that are fished at any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net unless the net is attached to the boat. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the opposite end of the net from the boat is required</p> <p>24-hour quick reporting required is for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240.</p>

<i>2013 Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial Salmon Fishery</i>	
Season:	Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday nights
Dates:	October 1-16, 2013 (7 nights)
Open Hours:	8 PM to 6 AM (10-hours)
Area:	Zones 4-5 (SMCRA 1D, 1E). Lower deadline defined as a straight line projected from the Warrior Rock Lighthouse on the Oregon shore easterly through the green navigation Buoy #1 and continuing to the Washington shore
Sanctuaries:	Washougal and Sandy Rivers
Gear:	<p>Drift gillnets only. 8" minimum mesh size restriction.</p> <p>Multiple net rule in effect, which means nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater.</p> <p>Nets fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.</p>
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, coho and pink salmon. White sturgeon and chum salmon may not be possessed or sold.
Additional Rules:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240

<i>2013 Select Area Commercial Fall Fisheries</i>
Effective 4:00 p.m. September 30, 2013: The possession and sale of chum salmon in all Select Area fishing sites is PROHIBITED.

Future Hearings: Although no hearings are currently scheduled, October 3 has been identified as the next potential hearing date.